



## **ENVIRONMENT AND SUSTAINABILITY STATEMENT**

Under section 40 of the Natural Environment and Rural Communities Act 2006, there is a duty on public authorities in England including town and parish councils to have regard to conserving biodiversity as part of their policy or decision making.

Conserving biodiversity can include restoring or enhancing a population or habitat. English public authorities should be able to show their duty to have regard for conserving biodiversity if they have identified ways to integrate biodiversity when they:

- Develop policies and strategies and put them into practice
- Manage the planning system
- Manage:
  - their land and buildings
  - woodlands and nature reserves
  - gardens, parks and public open space
  - community amenities e.g. sports grounds and cemeteries
  - waste and pollution
  - energy and water
  - wood and plant products
- Develop infrastructure, such as roads, buildings or flood defences
- Make decisions about procurement
- Implement economic, environmental and social programmes